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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Dirk Wright

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Germany on 05/23/2003. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the German application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b). ***Claims Rejected***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, "the active gear ratio" lacks a proper antecedent. In claim 11, "the neutral position" and "the transmission control" lack antecedents. Also in claim 11, the phrases "(transmission path A)" and "(transmission path B)" are indefinite because it is not clear whether or not applicant is positively reciting structure and whether or not the phrases are informal and conversational. Correction is required.

Subject Matter Allowable

The subject matter of claims 1-11 is allowable and the claims would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, were overcome. The subject matter is allowable because the prior art does not anticipate nor render obvious the claimed combination of: a powershift transmission having two transmission paths (A, B), a friction clutch (4, 5) being each transmission assigned to path (A, B) and the transmission paths (A, B) being coupleable to an output shaft for torque transmission, characterized by a device that detects the clutch torque transmitted by the friction clutch (4, 5) of the active transmission path (A, B) coupled to the

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output shaft and, when value, initiates the clutch torque a disengagement falls below a threshold of the active gear ratio.

Prior Art Discussed

The references cited by the examiner are deemed pertinent to applicant's disclosure. None of the references show all of the features of the claimed combination.

Conclusion

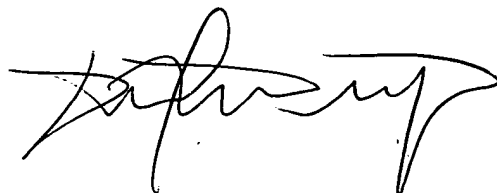
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dirk Wright whose telephone number is 571-272-7098. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Dirk Wright
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Tuesday, November 22, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dirk Wright', is written over the printed name and title.